

# **SPONSOR'S REBUTTAL TO FISCAL NOTE**

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Bill Number: SB206 Date Prepared: January 30, 2015

Short Title: Establish Limits on Supplemental Nutrition Programs

Sponsor: Senator Fred Thomas

Fiscal Note Version & Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Generally, why do you disagree with the fiscal note?**

The budget needed to implement changes in limits in food and beverage items could be delayed until Federal waivers are received. At least two years, and another 18 months to make changes.

**Specifically, what in the fiscal note do you feel is flawed?**

*(Describe specific assumptions, calculations, technical issues, etc.)*

Section 6 estimates cost of system changes to be \$1.9 to 2.0 million. This depends on federal waivers that may not be received. This amount should be taken out of the fiscal note for this biennium.

The costs of changing the eligibility standards will be offset by the reduction in the numbers of eligible clients. DPHHS acknowledges in long term impacts that numbers of eligible recipients will decrease.

**What is your estimate of the fiscal impact?**

If restrictions in eligible SNAP purchases are approved in waivers, system changes may be required in the future. Increased costs of eligibility limits will be offset by reductions in eligible recipients.

Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Fred Thomas*

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